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Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the office action dated August 8, 2003. A petition to extend the time for responding to this action for three (3) months, to expire February 8, 2004, as well as the fee required therefore, are being filed herewith. It is believed that the fee is correct. However, if it is incorrect, kindly debit or credit an appropriate amount in the undersigned attorneys' deposit account 07-1337. Kindly amend the above identified patent application as follows:

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